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## DEATH

On January 23rd, at Hongkong, Mrs. Rosalia P. Ricci, née Remedios (widow of the late Mr. S. P. REMEDIOS).

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 29TH, 1908.

Our special telegram from Peking should be particularly interesting to the members of the China Association. In our opinion it is quite probable that it is in consequence of the indiscreet meddling of the Shanghai Branch that this Edict has appeared so promptly, certainly before it was expected; although that is not to lose sight of the fact that Sir ROBERT BREDON has always been what the N.G. Daily News called him, "the natural successor to Sir ROBERT HART." No one recognises a fuller extent than we do that the China Association has, by its efforts in the past, achieved a record of creditable usefulness that entitles it to our gratitude and respect; but of late years the old-fashioned *taipan* seems to have gone, and a new personnel, composed of ambitious younglings of the WINSTON CHURCHILL pattern, seems to have arisen, with the best of intentions but a fatal facility for putting its foot into things. We have found occasion in recent years to utter a mild but timely warning against the threatened policy of officious and ineffective interference. We noticed with regret what we diagnosed as a tendency to seize every opening to assert its supposed influence and to remind the world of its important existence as a god in the ear, and it was easy to see that such a policy, if exercised in, must weaken its influence and tarnish its reputation. In this matter of Sir Robert Hart's success or, we think,

it will certainly be discovered that the China Association has overshot its mark, and older members and supporters will regret that it should have been allowed. For Mr. Gumper as a journalist and as a student of things Chinese we have learned to entertain a profound respect, but this does not drive away from us the uneasy suspicion that he has grown amenable to human weakness that journalism should have eliminated. It looks rather as if the lavish praise bestowed upon his diplomatic capacity has created in him a new *acrophobia*, so that he hastens to write where he once would have stopped to think. This has not only led him to write a letter, instigated by the Shanghai branch, which has since been widely characterised as un-English and unfair, but has made him figure as the chestnut-snatcher for a monkey-clique in Shanghai which, as we plainly suggested in our issue of the 6th January, cannot claim, in its campaign against Sir ROBERT BREDON, that all its motives are absolutely above suspicion of self-interest and unwarrantable bias. As we said then, the Shanghai meeting that met to inspire the now notorious telegram was not unanimous, and we have good reason to believe that those who opposed it had in several cases, worthier motives than a mere reluctance to appear in a false position. We do not share Mr. Gumper's derivative view of Sir ROBERT BREDON's fitness to succeed Sir ROBERT HART. We fancy we have understood his character better, and we certainly have a clearer perception of his abilities. Any objection to him we could think of would apply equally to Sir ROBERT HART, whose success is admitted on all hands, and we prophesy with confidence that when Sir ROBERT BREDON accepts the permanent appointment, as we fully expect will happen, he will continue and maintain the excellent traditions that have lifted the I. M. C. almost entirely out of the mire of political and diplomatic intrigue. In view of the manifestly unfriendly criticism lately directed at him, we have particular pleasure in wishing him all success in his present status.

A notice to machines among our to-day's advertisements gives information concerning the light which has just been established on Spider Island in the Sancho district.

The Bandmann Comedy Company are announced to give one performance in the Theatre on Friday next on their return from the North. The piece to be played is "Sunday."

The Grand Secretary Na Tung is appointed Chief Commissioner-General of Customs. Lu Hai-huan, Associate Commissioner General of Customs is commanded to resign his post.

Messrs. Melchers & Co. have received a telegram from their Head office informing them that the steamship "Prinz Ludwig" left Antwerp on the 26th inst. instead of the 20th inst. The ship was detained by heavy fog.

Messrs. E. S. Kadouris and Co. are in receipt of telegraphic information from Singapore advising them that the crushing of the Raub Australasian Gold Mining Co. Ltd. for the past period yielded 1,071 ozs gold from 5,884 tons stone.

European residents are officially advised in our advertisement columns to-day to avoid Chinatown during the New Year festival unless they have been recently re-vaccinated, owing to the prevalence of small-pox among the Chinese community.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. Price and Officers the band of the 12th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday (weather permitting):

"Archibald," "Wollington," "Gehle

Overture, "Flotte Burschen," "Suppe

Value," "Solve Las Olas," "Rosas

Soleto," "A Country Girl," "Monckton

Jelmezko," "Endorin," "André

King Henry's Song from Henry VIII," "Sullivan

Selection," "Veronica," "Messenger

Two Step," "Anona," "Grey

God save the King.

Monday evening was reserved by the Y. M. C. A. Literary and Debating Society's "Parliament" for the consideration of private members' bills and in consequence the rewards a few vacant seats on both sides of the House of members who took advantage of the brief respite from their Parliamentary duties thus offered them. The first measure down for hearing was a bill for the abolition of Capital Punishment which was introduced by Mr. Bevan. It drew off the most serious and interesting debate it has yet been the privilege of members to listen to. The House seemed to properly realise and appreciate the responsibility of tampering with so big a matter and entered into the debate with an earnestness worthy of the Home Government. A sentimental chord was struck by the Leader of the Opposition who ably supported the bill and it appeared as if the House were disposed to accept it, but after the debate turned to the practical aspect of the question, the current of favour veered round and on a division the bill was rejected by a large majority. Messrs. Kingsbury, White, Burdett and Sutton supported the bill, while Messrs. Lowry, Moss, Todd, Pendlebury, Fuller and Captain Brown opposed it.

RIVER BOATS DIVIDEND.

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Hong-

Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd.

will pay a dividend of \$1.25, write off steamers

and properties \$28,650, transfer to Depreciation

and Insurance Fund \$25,000, place to Special

Repairs Fund \$20,000, and carry the balance of

\$16,437.01 forward.

For three consecutive nights, 25th, 26th, and 27th instant, the "Societe Dramatique Kowloon," a society newly organised under the auspices of Mr. L. J. Xavier, have entertained their friends at "Cherbourg," Observatory Road, Kowloon. Under the able management of Messrs. M. Silva Guimaraes, and M. A. Conceicao, the pieces chosen were well rendered by those concerned. The fact that some of the actors have been on the stage only for the first time adds to the deserved praise contained in the statement that all acquitted themselves very well. The pieces played were "Abençoads Dileitos," "Dois Estudantes no Fogo," and "O Sechista e o Magali." Messrs. M. Silva Guimaraes, A. J. d'Eos, M. A. Conceicao, and J. T. Sousa contributed interlatory items. The actors were Miss D. M. Xavier, Messrs. L. C. Xavier, M. A. Conceicao, L. L. Xavier, A. J. d'Eos, A. M. d'Eos, P. A. Xavier, J. T. Sousa and L. M. Xavier. Mr. A. V. da Silva was accompanied.

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## ELLIS KADOORIE-CHINESE SCHOOLS SOCIETY.

HONAM COLLEGE, CANTON.

The annual distribution of prizes at the Honam College of the Ellis Kadoorie Chinese School Society, Canton, took place on Saturday, the 25th inst. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Honorary Secretary, presided, and H. E. M. Mansfield, General for Canton, R. W. Mansfield, Esq., C.M.G., distributed the prizes.

There were also present Messrs. Ellis Kadoorie, A. Hyland, Mrs. Davenport, Rev. E. Jenkins, Messrs. G. Bergwitz, W. D. Braithwaite, J. Burdett-Wright, A. Bennett, H. Haynes, Capt. J. McGinty, Dr. Nichols, D. M. Nicolson, H. Standish, J. Stirling, Mr. Au Pan Yu, Magistrate, T. E. Kong Sin Chon, Pan Pui Yu, Liao Tze San, Choi Kam Yuen, Pan Heng Yen, Sung Wan Chuen, Mok Mun Po, Ho Iu Hing, Tang Iu Nam, Luk Len Po, Iu Nin Sang, Ho Wan Seung, and Wong Ming, etc.

Mr. LAU CHU-PAK said:—Mr. Mansfield, before the ceremony proceeded as the Honorary Secretary of the Society, I offer you a hearty welcome on behalf of the council, masters, and scholars on your first visit to this institution. Ladies and gentlemen, the same welcome is extended to you all. I am very pleased to see among the gentlemen present so many Chinese officials and gentry on this occasion. Such a distinguished gathering with the British Consul-General present makes this the proudest day of the Society's Honam College. I now call upon Mr. James Moore, the Headmaster for his report.

After the report had been read, Mr. MANSFIELD said:—I feel much honoured by having been asked to preside to-day at the prize-giving of the Ellis Kadoorie College at Canton. It is most gratifying to note how largely the philanthropic idea of Mr. Kadoorie has been taken up and assisted by enlightened Chinese gentlemen, and the great success which is attending their efforts both here and in Hongkong.

The Headmaster's report seems to me on the whole most satisfactory, and testifies to the good teaching the boys are receiving. The results of the final examination are on the whole excellent in the higher classes. Composition seems to leave room for much improvement, and I thoroughly understand the cause. In my career in the Consular Service I have noticed in letters written in English by Chinese that the handwriting is generally good and often excellent, the spelling of individual words correct, but the putting of these well-written words together into clear and grammatical sentences is most remarkably inefficient. I shall here read you a letter once received by my daughter, a Chinese postman had been imprisoned by me for some fraud, and this letter was sent by his wife.

"Dear much humane and great virtue Miss Mansfield,

"I have often heard you are extremely virtuous, and intelligent, universal the benevolent favour, which never had in the world, plural with commands, as if a son praises to sing, as to wears two heavens."

"My untaught husband grateful for favours from your father to raised him formerly promoted to bears a post office servant.

"Not estimate the adverse grows fathomless, that on the 21st of August run up to dated by suddenly, till on the 1st of September when send intercoured to the Municipal Council to interrogate, decided order, to published five hundred dollars, and will imprison him to do hard work for six months, apprehensions and incommodes in my whole family, urgently take this distorted feeling's prostration to beg you pity reflect light."

"Because my untaught husband to be yours servant was successived above twenty years, since no mistake, unpremeditatedly if he had wrong, likewise obliged to forgive, till now he was aged, lasting he wishes to refuse, but cause the family was poor, endeavours comply affairs till this business spring up, just obliged the. Constable to examine, my untaught husband has not the least acting corrupt truck, just lucky your father benevolent, fair, and regular, evidently, and careful, certainly can remit to release, really care for, accordings the fair reason and rule, take the case in law send intercoured to the M. Counsel to interrogates, this was reflect on my husband Chiu Te belongs Chinese people, and therefore to had such outside of bound's favours.

"How estimate the M. Counsel Chinese officer search the feelings way, not accordings the reason and rule, unabiding decided to punisheds five hundred dollars, was ten thousand shares difficult. Can not collect to surrender, moreover still orders imprison him to do hard work for six months, my untaught husband his age was doily old, and his body was flexible weak manacles to forbids every night, daily meals difficult to guips, as much breaks, merely has got life reason, that he since to act as a servants, a body source dare not affection, but my family more than ten persons, mournful clamores wait to resire, if he had wade apart miship, my whole family all can not alive, thinking and thinking, only have obscure dead to annoy prostration my tender and sympatisse Miss, pity reflect my husband with Lin-Tong the assistant servant same crime—different punished, Tong since to forgived, my husband ought—followers lightly, whether to stretch out this injustice from your father for me or not? State to the M. Counsel of Chinese officers, uncivil to interrogates this case, favour fair to resives and bright to revenge, take the imprison him to do hard work for six months commissaries to pardons thus my untaught husband from dead to get life, my whole family wears yours benevolence can not superannuate."

During try to writing this letter I am very earnestly and fearfully, with hope you are quite well.—I am very respectfully your obedient servants wife of LIN SHIH.

The reason for such a composition is easily understood. The care naturally necessary in

writing Chinese characters, where one stroke good grounding in the rudiments of grammar, may totally alter the character, leads the student to notice every line in a word he sees, and reproduce it faithfully. When it comes, however, to putting these words together the difficulty arises. One cannot translate from Chinese into English or from English into Chinese short sentence, the arrangement of English and Chinese being totally different. The only plan is to read over a whole phrase and often one has to begin at the end and end with the beginning in order to convey the correct idea in good English or good Chinese. The only plan, therefore, is to read a great deal in books of the language it is desired to learn, and mentally translate it into one's own language noticing the difference in the arrangement of phrases. It has been always my strong conviction that a knowledge of foreign languages is one of the most valuable acquisitions that a young man can possess. It enables him by the study of literature other than his own to draw comparisons and recognise where his own

institutions are good and where they may profitably be changed. I have a very deep admiration for many of China's institutions and her ancient literature, but there are many subjects which have so far been untouched by it. One of these, I believe, is the science of Political Economy. This is a science which as a result of the experience of many great observers and thinkers lies down certain unchangeable laws which cannot be without disaster to a state ignored by its rulers. It teaches among other valuable lessons that sound taxation should be based on the principle that the absolute necessities of life should be free to all and that everything that may be considered as a luxury will bear heavy taxation as it is paid for by the rich. Also that internal trade should be free and should be encouraged in every way as it tends to bring riches to the country and increases the prosperity and tax-paying powers of the nation. Again in selecting the direction of taxation it should always be borne in mind that the cheaper the cost of collection the more revenue comes to the Government and the less the tax payer has to pay. China, which has of late years made great strides in reform is greatly in need of money, but has not as yet begun to deal with this most important part of reform and I hope that the pupils of this school may as they grow up become the pioneers in bringing to the front sound principles on the subject. I hope that as time goes on the principals and directors of this school may see their way to introducing an elementary course of Political Economy. There is another point to which I would draw attention. We English have great belief in the good influence of our public schools on the characters of boys. A great school, such as this, is rapidly becoming like a small republic. All pupils start on an equal footing and being the son of a high official or of a very rich or a very distinguished man makes no difference in the way he is treated by his teachers and his comrades. It is his own personal value as a good scholar, as proficient in athletic sports, or as possessed of a natural power of taking the lead among his fellows, which counts. If the standard of the school be a high one the idler, the coward, the liar or the cruel boy is looked down on by all, and the boy who throws all his energies into both work and play, who speaks the truth regardless of consequences, who protects the weak from oppression and obeys his superiors, is honoured and rewarded, and these qualities are those which will be of benefit to him in after life more even than mere proficiency, than book-learning and the sciences. The pride taken by a boy in the honour and success of his school is a worthy pride, and the boy who in after life carries out the precept learnt, becomes the man who develops into the true patriot and statesman. It is my earnest hope that many of the students here to-day may in the future become leaders among their countrymen and do credit to the teaching they have received in this school.

In conclusion Mr. MANSFIELD stated that next year he would be pleased to present a prize for papers on Political Economy. Mr. LAU CHU-PAK said:—Sir, it is also my duty and pleasure to thank you for the honour you have conferred on us by condescending to reside at this morning's ceremony. The instructive address you have just given, together with the interest taken by such a distinguished official as yourself in our work will no doubt incite the council and the staff to better exertions in their efforts to keep this college up to the required standard so as to give the youth of the capital of South China a proper education on modern lines, which time has shown that they are in urgent need of. Ladies and gentlemen, my thanks are also due to you for the pleasure you have afforded us by favouring us with your presence. It is a gratification indeed to every well-wisher of China to see, mingling here to-day so many officials, gentry and merchants of both the West and the East in one common cause, namely, the education of China's young sons. As the history of the Society is a long one, and its objects have been fully explained in the rules and the first annual report, I will not weary you by referring to them. Suffice it to say that, in spite of the character of our work, which is purely charitable, during the past seven years the president and myself had often to fight hard and patiently to overcome the many prejudices and opposition ever besetting our path before we could proceed with it peacefully. Though to-day we cannot boast of any great success, yet the number of Chinese youths whom this college has, since its establishment, qualified for appointments in both the official and commercial services of their country is not to be despised. Mr. Moore, and gentlemen of the staff, I am very glad that I am, as I was in former years, able to express the Council's high appreciation of your combined efforts in bringing another year to a successful issue. Last year I had occasion to remark that in teaching Chinese and English it is necessary to give them a

good grounding in the rudiments of grammar. It is now a great satisfaction to me to note that that remark has had the attention of the Headmaster with very good results. With your permission, Sir, I will now conclude with a few words of advice to the students. My young friends, what I wished to speak to you about appears to have reached your ears beforehand. I do not see amongst you such evidence of the mixed style of dress as I did when I last came. But still I think it would be wholesome for you to hear what I have got to say on the subject. So long as you make yourselves look respectable and not ridiculous in school you are at liberty to adopt any style you like. But when you appear in clothing which is neither Chinese nor European you transform yourselves into such ridiculous figures as those who keep an eye on your welfare cannot but criticize. If you feel more comfortable or handle in any clothing other than Chinese adopt it by all means but in its entirety and not in the semi-civilised habit so conspicuous amongst you until recently. When you still wear the queue and the long coat, if you put on a European workman's cap, pantaloons and leather boots I should say you look no better than the clowns at the circus. Such a get-up brings no credit to your parents or yourselves. To show the world that Young China is advancing, is certainly not by adopting this peculiar change of dress.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. DREW BEADWOOD.

The report stated (*inter alia*) that the largest number on the roll this session was 491, and the largest present on one day was 455. The average number on the roll during the session was 449 and the average daily attendance was 499. Compared with last session these numbers show an increase of over 20 per cent. The school was opened on 225 days and 112 boys made a perfect attendance, 8 against 35 boys last session.

## THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LIMITED.

The sixth ordinary meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, yesterday morning. Hon. Mr. M. Keppel presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Chater and Messrs. A. J. Raymond, E. Shelling and Ho Tung (directors), Mr. M. S. Northcote (Secretary), Messrs. J. C. Peter, H. N. Mody, J. Orange, A. Shelton Hooper, Ho Fook, Ho K'm-tong, Lo Cheung-shiu, H. Percy Smith, A. Haupt and E. L. Hughes.

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the past week, we may, I think, take them as read. There is little if anything in the accounts before you calling for comment. The decrease in interest is due to one of our mortgages having been paid off early in the year; a portion of this money being required for the works going on in the reclamation of Kowloon Marine Lot 49. The decline in rents is due, as was explained to you at the last general meeting, to the fact of the Admiralty having given up their tenancy of the Coal Storage Grounds at Yau Ma Tei, the frontage of this property being now in course of reclamation. This work is nearing completion, and will put you in possession of some further 425,000 square feet of land. Our houses continue to be well occupied, there being very few vacant floors in the block, and they are in good repair. No sales of land have been effected during the past twelve months but some enquiry has arisen for one of your inland Lots which your Directors hope may result in a sale. Meanwhile we are able to maintain our dividend of 7 per cent the payment of which will absorb some \$61,400 of the balance brought forward from 1906, and to carry forward the sum of \$227,410.00. This gives a guarantee of a like dividend for some years to come and it will be within your recollection that it was with this end in view that your Directors carried forward at the end of 1905 the substantial sum of \$363,000.00. Before formally moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to afford any further information that may be desired.

No questions were asked, and the CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and circulated.

Mr. HAUPP seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The confirmation of Mr. E. Shelling to the Board of Directors.

The motion was seconded by Mr. HOPPE and carried.

Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Goulding were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Mr. ORANGE, seconded by Mr. PETER.

Mr. HUGHES moved the re-election of Messrs. E. Shelling and Ho Tung to the Board of Directors.

The motion was seconded by Mr. HOPPE and carried.

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"The CH. I. EMAN.—That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants, as usual, will be ready tomorrow.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 25th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen moderately in E. Japan, and risen slightly over China.

The sun's position still lies over China to the North of the Yangtze, and pressure is relatively low over E. Japan and over the S. part of the China Sea.

Strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.0 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon Hongkong & Neighbourhood N.E. wind, fresh; fair.

Fornicca Channel... N.E. wind, strong.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocka. Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 2.

## TRADITIONS OF BRITISH COMMERCE.

## SECOND ARTICLE.

It is not to be denied that these are very real difficulties in the path of British manufacturers, their determination to produce matches of the best quality only. It is the tradition of the firm, as it is of many another great commercial houses in this country. Take their famous "big match." What is there like them? They are solid, perfectly made, and substantial enough to last while a pipe is being thoroughly lighted. Their power of providing illumination

is more than a few seconds gives them a degree of usefulness for which one is often thankful. It is at any time a pleasure to handle such matches—quite British in their sturdiness—after the attenuated specimens which so often break before they are "burnt"; and that they are worth their price no one will dispute. Any man left alone with his last match would very much prefer it were a "B. and M."—large or small—that anything else. For many years Bryant and May made the big size only, but a good

while ago a smaller one was introduced, but in common with its big brother it sells in very large quantities.

It is largely in consequence of so much importance having been attached to quality that Bryant and May's matches are the most popular, as they are the most dependable in the country. They make, however, more than one kind; the cheaper ones approach very near in point of price to the foreign matches at 2d. a dozen.

And now comes a very interesting point. A good deal was heard once about "phosphorus," and the dangers to which the health of some of the workers in match factories was exposed in consequence of the use of phosphorous.

It is six or seven years since any phosphorous has been used in the manufacture of Bryant and May's matches. But the "strike anywhere" matches which come from abroad are tipped with this composition, against which grave objections have been raised. There is something more than a trifling difference in price to be taken into account in buying matches if we think of a master like this. It may be safely said that the trade generally

would willingly accept the prohibition of the use of poison in phosphorous if the Government would prevent the importation of foreign matches made with the same substance. Summing up, it comes to this. For twopence you can buy a dozen boxes of poisonous matches made abroad; for twopence halfpenny a dozen boxes of non-poisonous matches made in England. Which is the better to buy?

Match making is not one of the great industries of this country, but it gives employment to some thousands of persons, and would give employment, the British manufacturers claim, to double or treble as many but for the great quantities of foreign matches which come into our markets under the conditions to which this ban has been made. Within the last fifteen years the importation of foreign matches has increased by 33 per cent. During this period re-exportations from England have certainly fallen on a decreasing scale, owing to improved facilities for shipping direct from Continental ports, so that the increase stated is as serious a matter as it appears. It is composed of the total number of persons engaged today in the manufacture of matches for the United Kingdom, only 49 per cent are inhabitants of this country. The remaining 51 per cent are employed in Continental manufacturers, making matches for British people. This is the way the British manufacturers look at the matter. Their demand for level terms of competition has a special significance when all the circumstances are borne in mind. Perhaps there are many people who have not hitherto realised all this, but who, the facts having been laid before them, may think it worth while to pay an additional penny or halfpenny in order to support a hard hit home industry.

UNLESS FOREIGN CEMENT.

This inferior cement is manufactured at a merely nominal cost, by simply burning the rock as it is quarried and grinding the resulting clinker to a fairly fine powder. When it is born, in mind that the rock is exceedingly variable in its chemical composition, it will be seen that so crude a method of manufacture can only result in the production of a material of very poor quality—that is to say, a cement of low specific gravity, of poor tensile and compressive strength, and possessing dangerously high explosive properties—the use of which cannot be otherwise than unsatisfactory.

One has only to contrast this system of manufacture with the methods employed in the production of Portland cement as generally made in England. The most suitable raw materials in the world are intimately blended by mechanical means, i.e.: the chalk and clay, in a wet condition, are usually mixed by means of powerful machinery in fixed and definite proportions, an operation which involves the most careful and continuous system of sampling and analysis. This mixture is then pumped into the kilns which are of various types—the most modern being that known as the rotary kiln—which is burnt until the stage of incipient vitrification is reached. The resulting clinker, which is freed as possible from the incrustation of its real character or of the country of its origin, Sir Cecil Hartshorne, His Majesty's Consul for Belgium, has drawn attention to these practices, and there is no doubt that his vigorous exposures have done a great deal towards putting British and Colonial users of cement on their guard, and causing them to be more critical in their purchases.

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RE-ARMAMENT.

For many years they might think that if the Dreadnaught were the biggest and most powerful ship in the world. In the adjacent hall where they were doing the might think that if the Dreadnaught were planted on the Derby racecourse, which was 15 miles away, or 2640 yards, they would be immune from bombardment. If they did not, so they were in a fool's paradise, for the project of the Dreadnaught, with the biggest gun in the world, was recognized as important. The Dreadnaught had been provided with instruments, and the seamen with a knife and fork. In construction they had fully realized the value of speed, both strategically and tactically, they saw in the Japanese war the greatest advantages that accrued to Admiral Togo by reason of his fleet having superior speed. They had appreciated the fact that the big battleship was the ship of the future. They had recognized that the big gun was better than the little gun, but that neither was of any use unless they could hit. All those new ideas were embodied in the Dreadnaught, with the biggest and most powerful ship in the world. In the adjacent hall where they were doing the might think that if the Dreadnaught were planted on the Derby racecourse, which was 15 miles away, or 2640 yards, they would be immune from bombardment. If they did not, so they were in a fool's paradise, for the project of the Dreadnaught, with the biggest gun in the world, was recognized as important. The Dreadnaught had been provided with instruments, and the seamen with a knife and fork. In construction they had fully realized the value of speed, both strategically and tactically, they saw in the Japanese war the greatest advantages that accrued to Admiral Togo by reason of his fleet having superior speed. They had appreciated the fact that the big battleship was the ship of the future. They had recognized that the big gun was better than the little gun, but that neither was of any use unless they could hit. All those new ideas were embodied in the Dreadnaught, with the biggest and most powerful ship in the world. In the adjacent hall where they were doing the might think that if the Dreadnaught were planted on the Derby racecourse, which was 15 miles away, or 2640 yards, they would be immune from bombardment. If they did not, so they were in a fool's paradise, for the project of the Dreadnaught, with the biggest gun in the world,

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1908. 283

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd to the 15th day of February 1908 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1908. 283

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT WARNING.

THE EUROPEAN RESIDENTS of the Colony are advised to avoid China New Year Festival, UNLESS THEY MAY BE RECENTLY VACCINATED, owing to prevalence of Small-pox among the Chinese community.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
P.C.M.O.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1908. 281

## NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that applications are invited for the Appointment of a FEMALE PROBATIONARY NURSE, which will be vacant on the 1st of APRIL next, in the Medical Department.

Applications in the handwriting of the applicants with Certificates of Character, etc., should be forwarded to the Principal Civil Medical Officer, at the Civil Hospital, not later than the 29th of this February next.

Salary, £60 rising by annual increments of £0 to £60 per annum, with uniform, attendance, free furnished quarters and an allowance of £3 per annum for fuel and light.

Full Particulars may be had on application.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
Principal Civil Medical Officer.Medical Department,  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1908. 280

## GRAND BOXING CONTEST.

CITY HALL  
On WEDNESDAY,  
The 28th FEBRUARY, 1908.

U.S. NAVY

H.M.S. "KENT."  
Booking and plans at ROBINSON PIANO CO.  
Hongkong, 28th January, 1908. 275

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## FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

SPECIAL FAREWELL VISIT.

On FRIDAY,  
the 7th FEBRUARY, 1908.

THE POWERFUL PLAY

"SUNDAY,"

From the Comedy Theatre, London.

Prices: £3, £2, and £1.

Box Plan now open at  
MESSRS. S. MOUTRIS & CO., LTD.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS,  
No. 310 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SANTUAO DISTRICT.

SPIDER ISLAND LIGHT ESTABLISHED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SPIDER ISLAND LIGHT was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 16th January.

The illuminating apparatus is Dioptric, consisting of the Fourth Order, showing a fixed White light varied by an eclipse every 15 seconds, thus:

Light ..... 13 Seconds.

Eclipse ..... 2 Seconds.

The Light is placed on the most Easterly islet off the North East end of Spider Island, and the Light, which is elevated 142 feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 17½ nautical miles.

The Tower is an iron structure with a total height from base to lantern vanity of 53 feet. The Tower and dwelling are painted White.

Approximate position:

Latitude 26° 31' N.

Longitude 120° 4' E.

W. FERD. TYLEE,  
Coast Inspector.Coast Inspector's Office,  
Shanghai, 23rd January, 1908. 278

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

For BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, SOERAHAJA AND MACASSAR.

Taking cargo to all ports in Netherlands India or through Bill of Lading.

THE Steamship

"TJIRODAS."

Captain Zwart will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 4th February.

For information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the

Head Agent of the JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,  
York Buildings, 1st Floor.  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1908. 279

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADEATIC

PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"AUSRIA."

Capt. Gillhuber, will be despatched as above

or on about MONDAY, the 21st February.

This steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor and stewardess.

For information as to Passage and Freights, apply to

SANDER, WILHELM &amp; CO.

Agents,  
Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1908. 278

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SLAVONIA."

Captain Kotek, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo including her discharge will be landed upon the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Feb., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th Febr., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will have effect.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1908. 276

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N.-Co.'s Steamer

"SOOTRA"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,

PORTSAID, SUEZ &amp; STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at THE IRK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here rules, instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd Febr., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

On MONDAY, the 17th February.

From Li EMUN in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,00 yards commencing at 7 P.M., and finishing at 11 P.M.

On TUESDAY, the 18th February.

From STONECUTTERS in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards commencing at 7 P.M., and finishing at 11 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 20th February.

From LYEMUN F.C. in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 14,000 yards commencing at 2 P.M., and finishing at 5.30 P.M.

On MONDAY, the 3rd February.

From STONECUTTERS in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards commencing at 10.30 A.M., and finishing at 5 P.M.

On WEDNESDAY, the 5th February.

From PINWOOD in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 1 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 6th February.

From Li EMUN in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,00 yards commencing at 7 P.M., and finishing at 11 P.M.

On TUESDAY, the 12th February.

From LYEMUN F.C. in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards commencing at 7 P.M., and finishing at 11 P.M.

On TUESDAY, the 3rd March.

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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
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" " 6 " 4% "  
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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,  
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Hongkong, 25th September, 1907. 560

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J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 18th November, 1907. 25

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BANK LUFTS HANDEL UND INDUSTRIE.

ROBERT WARSCHAUER & CO.

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THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT

DIRECTION DES DISCONTZ GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.

DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

A. KOEHN,

Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. 24

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £1,200,000

RESERVE FUND ..... £1,475,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIO-

TIES ..... 21,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent

for 6 " 3% "

for 3 " 2% "

JOHN ARMSTRONG,

Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1908. 15

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED ... £1,25,000

PAID-UP ... £62,000

RESERVE FUND ... £70,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 12 months 4% per cent.

For 6 " 3% per cent.

For 3 " 2% per cent.

EVAN ORMISTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1907. 23

## BANKS

**INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.**

Fiscal Agents of the United States in China, the Philippine Islands, and the Republic of Panama.

CAPITAL PAID UP ... Gold \$3,250,000.

RESERVE FUND ... about Mex. \$7,222,222

HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York.

LONDON OFFICE: Threadneedle House, E.C.

Branches and Agents all over the World.

**LONDON BANKERS:** BANK OF ENGLAND.

**NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND**

LIMITED.

**THE CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.**

BRANCHES AND AGENTS all over the World.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money.

Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on Daily balances and receipts.

Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 12 months 4% per cent. per annum

For 6 " 3% "

For 3 " 2% "

No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.

W. M. ANDERSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong 24th January, 1908. 248

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND:—

STERLING ... 21,000,000 at 2% = \$10,000,000

SILVER ... 11,750,000

\$21,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

G. H. MEDHURST, Esq.—Chairman.

Hon. Mr. HENRY SWICKER, Deputy Chairman.

G. Friesland, Esq.

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H. A. W. Stede, Esq.

H. E. Tonkin, Esq.

A. J. Raymond, Esq.

CRISP MANAGER:

Hongkong—J. K. M. SMITH

MANAGER:

Shanghai—H. E. R. HUNTER

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months 2% per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 3% per cent. per annum.

For 12 months 4% per cent. per annum.

1st M. SAITI

Hongkong, 17th January, 1908. 30

**HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Interest on deposits is allowed at 3% per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

balances £100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. K. M. SMITH

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907.

**NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK**

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK).

ESTABLISHED: 1883.

Authorised Capital Fl. 15,000,000 (21,250,000)

Subscribed Capital Fl. 10,000,000 (Paid up Reserve Fund Fl. 2,12,570.36 (2176.048)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.

SUB-OFFICE: THE HAGUE.

HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.

BRANCHES at: Singapore, Sourabaya, Samarang, Indramajoo, Bandung and Weltevreden.

CORRESPONDENTS at: Cheribon, Tegal, Pecalongan, Macassar, Pontianak, Padang, Medan, Penang, Batavia, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Karachi, Djeddo, Bangkok, Saigon, Shanghai.

BANKERS:

London: THE WILLIS DRAGONS BANK.

Paris: COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTÉ DE PARIS.

Berlin: DEUTSCHE BANK.

Brussels: BANQUE DE PARIS ET DES PAYS-BAS.

Vienna: UNION BANK.

Rome: BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA.

THE BANK buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit payable in all important places of the World and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits: 12 months 4% per cent.

for 6 " 3% "

for 3 " 2% "

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

CHINOTU, British str., 1,459. W. B. Brown, 28th January—Kobe 22nd Jan. General Butterfield & Swire.  
CHIANG, British str., 28th Jan.—Canton.  
FUKURA, Maru Japanese str., 1,946. H. Sakamoto, 27th January—Motoji 21st Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bibi Goshi Kwaisho.  
HAMBURG, German str., 4,076. Filler, 28th January—Yokohama and Shanghai 25th Jan., General—Hongkong America Linie.  
KASHING, British str., 2,391. C. Rosofsky, 26th January—Bangkok 21st Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.  
LOONGSANG, British str., 1,090. Payne, 28th January—Manila 25th January, General Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
MEFOO, Chinese str., 1,339. J. McArthur 28th Jan.—Shanghai 24th January, General—Chinese.  
BUSH, British str., 1,611. R. W. Almond, 27th January—Manila 25th Jan., General—Showan Tomes & Co.  
SLAVONIA, German str., 2,829. Kotze, 27th Jan.—Singapore 21st Jan., General—Hamburg America Linie.  
SCOTIA, British str., 6,008. W. R. Hickey, 28th January—London 15th Dec. and Singapore 22nd Jan. General—P. & O. Co.  
SUNDA, British str., 3,400. G. M. Montford, 2,391. 28th January—Yokohama 14th Jan. General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES  
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

Amera, British str., for Saigon.  
Ariake Maru, Japanese str., for Sourabaya.  
Chouping, British str., for Swatow.  
Luchow, British str., for Canton.  
Mejico, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
Socorro, British str., for Yokohama.  
Sochi Maru, Japanese str., for Suntow.  
Vandala, German str., for Singapore.  
Zieten, German str., for Europe, &c.

## DEPARTURES.

27th January.  
WILMINGTON, American gunboat for Manila.  
HAIMUN, British str., for Swatow.  
HAITAN, French str., for Hoioh.  
HELENE, German str., for Tournai.  
JESERIC, British str., for Singapore.  
PITSANULOK, German str., for Bangkok.  
PRIAM, British str., for Singapore.  
RHENANIA, German str., for Shanghai.  
SIGNAL, German str., for Swallow.  
TEAN, British str., for Manila.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Loongsang* reports: Fine and clear throughout smooth sea.  
The British str. *Bubi* reports: Moderate to fresh monsoon choppy sea and fine weather.  
The British str. *Socorro* reports: Moderate to fresh monsoon and fine weather, moderate N. Easterly swell.  
The British str. *Sunda* reports: Strong N. N. E. monsoon considerable sea.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

January 28th.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—  
LOWLOON DOCKS—Neil Macleod, Persia, Germany, Hutchison, Amigo, Prins Waldemar, Borsoig.  
COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS—Child, Singap, Buisang, Hilary.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON,  
SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, CALCUTTA,  
BOMBAY, D. JIBOUTI,  
EGYPT, MARSEILLES,  
LONDON, HAVRE,  
BORDEAUX, MEDITER-  
RANEAN AND BLACK  
SEA PORTS.

## THE Steamship

"YARIA." Captain Soller, will be despatched MAISSEILLIS, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, at 1 P.M.

This Steamer connects at Colombo with the Australian line steamship "Australia" bound for Marseilles via BOMBAY and Aden.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next sailing will be as follows—  
S.S. "OCEANIEN" ... 18th Feb.  
S.S. "ELISEE SIMONS" ... 3rd March.  
S.S. "TONKIN" ... 17th March.

Agent, J. MILLET.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABA  
COAST.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

S.S. "SHIMOSA" ... 12th February.

For Freight and further information apply to

DODWELL & CO. LTD.

Agents, Hongkong, 21st January, 1908.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS  
LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, ANTWERP AND  
HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE"

Will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 20th February.

For Freight and further Particulars apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Agents, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908.

"INDRA" LINE LIMITED.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"INDRA"

Captain MacFarlane, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 25th February.

For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

Agents, Hongkong, 28th January, 1908.

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## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commen ing from Green Island. Vessel's anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "K" nearest Hongkong "H" midway between Hongkong and Ko, "L" on "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "K.W." together with the number denoting the section.

## SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's

2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	FLAG & BIG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP	SUNDA	Brit str.	—	G. M. Macfarlane, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
LONDON & VIA UNIAL PORTS OF CALL	PENINSULA	Brit str.	—	E. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th Feb., at Noon.
LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	FLINTSHIRE	Brit str.	Gen. str.	F. Miller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 20th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	HAMBURG	Brit str.	k. w.	Seller	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	TODAY.
MARSEILLE, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	YAREA	Fr. str.	—	H. Pybus	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 4th Feb., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	PETRONIA	Gen. str.	k. w.	v. Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 21st February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	RHENANIA	Gen. str.	k. w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 28th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	C. FED. LAEISZ	Gen. str.	k. w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 5th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SAXONIA	Gen. str.	k. w.	F. Preisch	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 14th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	BEASILIA	Gen. str.	k. w.	Gillhuber	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 18th March.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	ZIETEN	Gen. str.	—	Sander, Wiele & Co.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 24th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	AUSTRIA	Aust str.	—	Dodwell & Co., LTD.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 12th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SHIMOSA	Brit str.	—	MacFarlane	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 25th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	INDRANI	Brit str.	—	Jardine, Matheson & Co., LD.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 16th March.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SAIN PATRICK	Am str.	—	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	To-day, at Noon.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit str.	1 m.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 13th Feb., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit str.	2 m.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 8th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	KUMERIC	Am str.	—	Dodwell & Co., LTD.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	Sometimes in March.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	KASATO MARU	Jap str.	—	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 1st Feb., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	TRISTEZA	Brit str.	1 m.	Butterfield & Swire	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 7th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	PEINSON	Gen. str.	—	MacLcher & Co.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SIGISMUND	Gen. str.	—	J. A. Peacock	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	To-day, at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	TIJFANAS	Brit str.	—	W. B. Brown	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 29th inst.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SOSHU MARU	Jap str.	—	W. von Soden	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SOCOTRA	Brit str.	—	D. Lewis	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	KLINIST	Gen. str.	1 m.	T. Surug	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 7th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	WUHU	Brit str.	1 m.	Rud. Meyer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 1st Feb., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	KWONGSANG	Brit str.	1 m.	Richardson	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 29th inst.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SHAORSING	Brit str.	1 m.	W. P. Baker	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	BEARLLIA	Brit str.	1 m.	L. D. Northcombe	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	NUBIA	Gen. str.	—	F. J. Fox	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 13th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	ERNEST SIMONS	Gen. str.	—	Girard	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 16th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	DELTA	Gen. str.	—	F. Northcombe	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 2nd Feb., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	KIUKIANG	Gen. str.	—	C. L. Daniel, R.N.R.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	CATHAY	Gen. str.	—	H. A. Wall	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SAMBIA	Gen. str.	k. w.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., LD.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 1st February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	DAIJIN MARU	Jap str.	1 m.	I. Skinner	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 2nd Feb., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	KASHING	Brit str.	1 m.	T. W. Pickard	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	CHIHLI	Brit str.	—	Imber	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	LOONGSANG	Brit str.	—	S. J. Payne	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 1st February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	RUBI	Brit str.	—	R. Almond	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 5th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	TAMING	Brit str.	1 m.	A. W. Utterbridge	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 7th Feb., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YUNHSANG	Brit str.	—	Jardine, Matheson & Co., LD.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 8th February.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	ZAPIRO	Brit str.	—	Rodger	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 9th Feb., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLE, LYMPHORE, HAVRE						

**PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	NOTES.
LONDON and ANTWERP	{ SUNDA Capt. G. M. Mortimer, R.N.E.	{ 10 A.M., 20th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	{ SOOTERA Capt. W. B. Micky	{ About 20th Jan.	Freight only.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NUBIA, YOKOHAMA	{ NUBIA Capt. F. J. Fox	{ About 2nd Febr.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	{ DELTA Capt. C. L. Daniel	{ About 7th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	{ PENINSULAR Capt. R. A. Peters	{ Neon, 8th Febr.	Ses Special of Call.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1908.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,  
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SAIGON	"KASHING"	On 30th Jan., D'light
SHANGHAI	"WUHU"	On 30th Jan., 4 P.M.
HAI PHONG	"CHIHLI"	On 31st Jan., D'light
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, HOBART, LAUNCESTON, NEW ZALAND, KELVINNE, ADELAIDE, PERTHE	"CHINGTU"	On 31st Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING", "TAMING", "YOCHOW", "SUNGKIANG", "KIUKIANG", "KAIFONG"	On 1st Febr., 4 P.M., 5th Febr., 4 P.M., 7th Febr., 4 P.M., 8th Febr., 4 P.M., 11th Febr., 4 P.M., 15th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.	
SHANGHAI	Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.	
CEBU and ILOILO	Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates to all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.	
CEBU and ILOILO	REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.	
For Freight or Passage, apply to—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,	AGENTS.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1908.

**OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.**  
REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE NO. 2 S.S.	LEAVING
HONGKONG		
HONGKONG	"SOSHU MARU", "AMOY" and "FOOCHOW"	WEDDING, 29th Jan., at 9 A.M.
HONGKONG	"TAMSUI" via "SWATOW", "DALIN MARU" and "AMOY"	SUNDAY, 2nd Febr., at 10 A.M.
HONGKONG	All these Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with electric light. First-class Saloon Amidships. Unrivalled Table.	
HONGKONG	Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.	
HONGKONG	For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office, Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.	

Hongkong, 27th January, 1908.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.  
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"ZISTEN"	Wednesday, 29th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	"KLEIST"	About Wednesday 29th January.
MANILA, FRIEDR. WILHELM'S HAFEN, SIMPSONHAFEN, BURSA, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR"	Saturday, 1st Febr., at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	About Friday, 7th February.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"	Middle of Febr.

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELOCHEWS &amp; CO.,

GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG &amp; CHINA.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1908.

**EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.**  
COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI.

**RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.**  
ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOCK.

**SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.**  
GOTHENBURG.

**PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.**

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION:

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CATHAY"	On 13th February.

MASEILLE, HAVRE, and COPENHAGEN	"PETRONIA"	On 21st February.
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For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS &amp; CO.

AGENTS.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1908.

**JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.J.N.**

REGULAR THREE WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL SAIL FOR	ON OR ABOUT
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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Sunday the 2nd February, 1908, being Chinese New Year's Day the General Post Office will not be open for the Public and no collection from the Pillar Boxes or Deliveries will be made. On Monday the 3rd February, 1908, the General Post Office will be open from 8 A.M. until 9 P.M. There will be one Delivery of Letters and a Collection from the Pillar Boxes on Sunday. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe the Post Office will remain open one hour after for the delivery thereof.

The Ernest Simon, with the French mail of the 3rd January, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th instant, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 3rd prox. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th November.

FOR FEB. 20TH

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, and Shanghai ..... Sotu Maru ..... Wednesday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.  
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Paknai and Haiphong ..... Huo ..... Wednesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.  
Singapore Penang and Colombo ..... Sunda ..... Wednesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver B.C. ..... Montague ..... Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.

EULON, AC. INDIA via TURKIOON ..... (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents).  
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)

Sourabaya ..... Oanfa ..... Wednesday, 29th, 1.00 P.M.  
Macao ..... Sui Tai ..... Wednesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.  
Haburay ..... Taki Maru ..... Wednesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.  
Saigon ..... Kassing ..... Wednesday, 29th, 4.00 P.M.  
Hainan ..... Hongkong ..... Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.  
Macao ..... Sui Tai ..... Thursday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.  
Shanghai ..... Wuhu ..... Thursday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.  
Haiphong ..... Chihli ..... Thursday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.

## FOR THE RACES.



## SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA:

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1908.

## TO-DAY.

Ordinary Annual Meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co. Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 11.30.

## TO-MORROW.

Meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society, City Hall, 5.30 P.M.

## COMMERCIAL.

## EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 28th.

ON LONDON— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1/102  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 110/12  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 111  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 111/4  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 111/4  
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight ..... 111/4

ON PARIS— Bank Bills, on demand ..... 240/4  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 243/4

ON GERMANY— on demand ..... 195/4

ON NEW YORK— Bank Bills, on demand ..... 46/4  
Credits, at 60 days' sight ..... 47/4

ON BOMBAY— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 143/4  
Bank, on demand ..... 143/4

ON CALCUTTA— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 143/4  
Bank, on demand ..... 143/4

ON SHANGAI— Bank, at sight ..... 74/4  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 75/4

ON TOKIOH— On demand ..... 92/4

ON MANIL— On demand— Pesos ..... 93/4

ON SINGAPORE— On demand ..... 21.40 p.m.

ON BATAVIA— On demand ..... 114/4

ON HAIPHONG— On demand ..... 44 p.m.

ON SAIGON— On demand ..... 44 p.m.

ON BANGKOK— On demand ..... 78/4

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate, \$10.30

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ..... \$54.65

BAR SILVER, per oz. ..... 25/4

## VESSELS EXPROTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The O. & O. str. China sailed from Yokohama on the 20th inst., and is due to arrive at this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, to-day.

The P. M. str. Manchuria left Yokohama on the morning of the 27th inst., and is due to arrive in Hongkong on the 4th prox.

THE FRENCH MAIL. The M.M. str. Ernest Simon with the next French Mail, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th inst., at 3 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Appear str. Gregory Appear from Calcutta left Singapore on the afternoon of the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst. a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Kleid carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 3rd inst., left Colombo on Tuesday, the 21st inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 1st prox. a.m.

The I.G.M. str. Prinz Sigismund left Sydney on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, 6th prox.

THE CANADIAN MAIL. The C.P.R. str. Empress of China left Vancouver arm. on Saturday, the 25th inst., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE MERCHANT STEAMERS. The N.Y.K. str. Moyari Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., and is expected here to-day.

The Ben Line str. Bengloe from Antwerp and London left Singapore on 24th inst. for this port.

The N.Y.K. str. Sado Maru (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Manila and Shanghai on the 25th inst., and is expected here on the 3rd prox.

The C.N. Co.'s str. Chongchia left Sydney on 11th inst., at noon, and is due here on 4th prox.



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HONGKONG

## JOINT STOCK SHARE

Hongkong, January 28th.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATION.

Alhambra \$200 Nominal.

Banks— \$710, sellers

Hongkong &amp; S'hai. \$125 \$705, sellers

Lm. 470. Lm. 278.

National B. of China. 26 \$51.

Sail's Asbestos E. A. 128, 6d. \$74, buyers

China-Borneo Co. \$12 \$104.

China Light &amp; P. Co. \$10 \$16, sellers

China Provident. \$10 \$61.

Cotton Mills—

Ewo. \$16 \$16.

Hongkong. \$10 \$10, sellers

International. \$10 \$10.

Lam Kong Mow. \$10 \$16.

Soychae. \$10 \$270.

Dock and Wharves—

H. &amp; K. Wharf &amp; G. \$5. \$55, old.

H. &amp; W. Dock. \$5. \$58, new, sales

New Aney Dock. \$6. \$10, sellers

Shanghai Dock. \$10. \$11. 21.

Sh'hai &amp; H. Wharf. \$10. \$11.

Fenwick &amp; Co. Dev. \$25 \$14, buyers

Green Island Cement. \$10 \$14, buyers

Hongkong &amp; C. Gas. \$10 \$176, buyers

Hongkong Electric. \$10 \$143, buyers

Hongkong Hotel Co. \$25 \$104, buyers

Hongkong K. Co. \$10 \$240.

Insurances—

Canton. \$50 \$242, sellers

China Fire. \$20 \$95.

China Trades. \$25 \$94, buyers

China Fire. \$50 \$88.

North China Union. \$100 \$627, buyers

Yangtze. \$90 \$133.

Land and Building—

Hongkong Land. \$100 \$100, x.d.

Kowloon Land &amp; E. \$104, buyers

Shanghai Land. \$100 \$135, sellers

West Coast Building. \$50 \$50.

Mining—

Charbonnages. \$200 \$80, buyers

Raubs. \$55, sellers

Peak Tramways. \$10 \$13.

Philippine Co. \$10 \$6, buyers

Refineries—

China Sugar. \$100 \$100, sellers

Luzon Sugar. \$100 \$12.

Steamship Companies—

China and Manila. \$25 \$16.

Douglas Steamship. \$10 \$40.

E. Canton &amp; M. \$15 \$9, sellers

Indo-China S.N. Co. \$15 \$284.

Shell Transport Co. \$1 \$4.

Star Ferry. \$10 \$24.

Do. Now. \$5 \$12.

South China M. Post. \$25 \$50.

Steam Laundry Co. \$5 \$6, sellers

Stores &amp; Dispensaries—

Campbell, M. &amp; Co. \$10 \$14.

Powell &amp; Co., Wm. \$10 \$6.

Watkins. \$10 \$24, buyers

United Asbestos. \$4 \$10, buyers

Do. Founders. \$10 \$150, buyers

Union Waterfront Co. \$10 \$10, sales

VICKERY &amp; SMITH.

OPPIUM.

January 28th.

Quotations are—

Malwa New. .... \$943 per picoul.

Malwa Old. .... \$950 "

Malwa Older. .... \$1020 "

Malwa V. Old. .... \$1150 "

Persian fine quality. .... \$860 "

Patna New. .... \$982 per chest.

Patna Old. .... \$982 "

Ban red. New. .... \$982 "

Ban red. Old. .... "

Perfumed. .... "

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